

Coastal Bend Bays Plan

Restoration Plan Database: Crystal Reports of Individual Plan Summaries

I. BASIC PLAN DATA

Plan name:

Coastal Bend Bays Plan

Brief description of plan:

This plan focuses on the Coastal Bend Bays and Estuaries Program (CBBEP) project area, which includes all of the open water, submerged habitat, emergent wetland and upland environments of the 12-county area known as the Coastal Bend. The Coastal Bend contains three estuaries-the Aransas, Corpus Christi and upper Laguna Madre estuaries. Broad belts of mostly flat coastal prairies, chaparral pastureland and farmlands adjacent to expansive bays characterize this transition zone between the mid-and lower-coast. A nearly unbroken string of barrier islands provides definition to the bays, estuaries and one of only three hypersaline lagoons in the world.

Region the plan is located within:

Gulf of Mexico Region

Watershed(s) included within the plan:

G290x , G295x , G300x , G305x , G310x , G313x , G316x , G320a , G320w

Area plan covers (in square miles):

11,500.00 square miles

Plan scale:

Multi-county

Plan's lead organization(s):

Coastal Bend Bays and Estuaries Program

Plan's Main Contact Information:

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On-line version of plan:

www.cbbep.org/facts/graphics/cbbin.pdf

Date of original plan:

8/1998

II. TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Plan includes restoration goals: Y

Level of detail of the goals:

G

Summary of the goals:

Reduce Bay debris. Increase and preserve quantity, quality and diversity of habitats and living resources.
Enhance water quality.

Plan recommends restoration of specific project sites:

N

Plan includes a discussion of funding sources:

Y

Plan addresses long-term protection of restored sites:

Y

Partners included in developing the plan:

Federal
State
Local
Private landowners

Type(s) of public outreach included during plan development:

Information not available

Plan includes public outreach as part of plan implementation (e.g. annual public meeting, local group participation):

Y

Plan discusses the application of innovative approaches to restoration:

N

Plan make use of GIS mapping capabilities:

N

Plan addresses monitoring/reference sites for ecosystem level monitoring (baseline conditions) by:

N

Plan addresses monitoring/reference sites for project level monitoring by:

N

The plan discusses or coordinates with other restoration plans covering the same geographic area:

Y

Other plan names:

Texas Coastal Management Program (CMP), Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission's Clean Rivers Program, C of Mexico Program (GOMP)

Plan contains detailed information on historic and/or current habitat size, rate of loss, acres restored or protected, etc.):

Y

Summary of this habitat information:

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